

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 10, 14-23, 25, and 27 are presently pending. Claims 6, 16, and 27 are amended to correct obvious typographical errors, correct dependencies or clarify the claim language. Claims 7-9, 11-13, 24, 26 and 28-29 are canceled as non-elected claims. Non-elected claims or portions of the elected claims which form other non-elected groups or species are, or may subsequently be, cancelled without prejudice to refiling in one or more divisional applications.

Consistent with the election of Group I, Claims 1-6, 10, 14-23, 25, and 27 read on the elected group.

Dependent claim 17 is itself subject to a species restriction as an allegedly generic claim which adds an optional step to the method of claim 1. Therefore, where the optional step is searched, that step is subject to the species election of CA125. As regards this optional step, dependent claim 17 is the only claim that reads on that species election. None of the other claims of Group I is subject to the species election where the optional step is not included in the method.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of these papers, or credit any overpayment of fees, to our Deposit Account, Number 08-3040.

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